



Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Ruetherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

July 26, 2019

Ms. Shafaq Patel

via Email Only: 77045-59441139@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Ms. Patel:

On or about July 12, 2019, the Maryland Department of Health (Department) received your request pursuant to the Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. ("GP") §§ 4-101 - 4-601, seeking the following records:

1. Any public records requests, as well as any provided responses or responsive materials, submitted by groups with a publicly known focus on anti-abortion and pro-life sentiments. Please include but do not limit responsive materials to those referencing the following organizations:  
- Pro-Life Action League  
- National Right to Life  
- Check My Clinic  
- The Center for Medical Progress  
- Coalition for Life  
- Operation Rescue  
- Right to Life.

If there is a group, like a local city group, that has this sentiment but was not listed, please also provide their requests as well.

2. All communications, from Jan. 1, 2015 to present day, between your agency and representatives of the following organizations:  
- Pro-Life Action League  
- National Right to Life  
- Check My Clinic  
- The Center for Medical Progress  
- Coalition for Life  
- Operation Rescue  
- Right to Life.

3. Any and all requests and documents with following words:

ABORTION  
PREGNANCY TERMINATION  
TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY  
UNBORN BABIES  
INDUCED ABORTION  
FETAL TISSUE

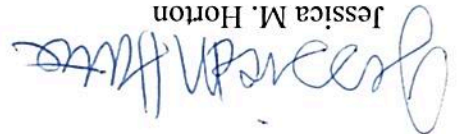
PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION  
TELEMEDICINE

The Department attempted to contact you for clarification of these requests via the MuckRock website on July 12 and July 19, but has not received a response. In order to provide you an estimated date that responsive records, if in our possession, can be ready, as well as an estimated fee for production of such records, the Department requests further clarification on this request. Please contact me via phone at your earliest convenience at 410-767-6592.

Pursuant to GP §4-203(c)(1)(i)4, MDH must inform you of all remedies available for your review. You may seek direct judicial review pursuant to GP §4-362. You may also file a complaint with the Public Information Act Compliance Board by contacting Lisa Kershner, the Public Access Ombudsman. Ms. Kershner can be reached at [lkershner@oag.state.md.us](mailto:lkershner@oag.state.md.us) or at 410-576-7037.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 410-767-6592 or [jessica.horton@maryland.gov](mailto:jessica.horton@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,



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Assistant Director  
Office of Governmental Affairs